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## Scrophula

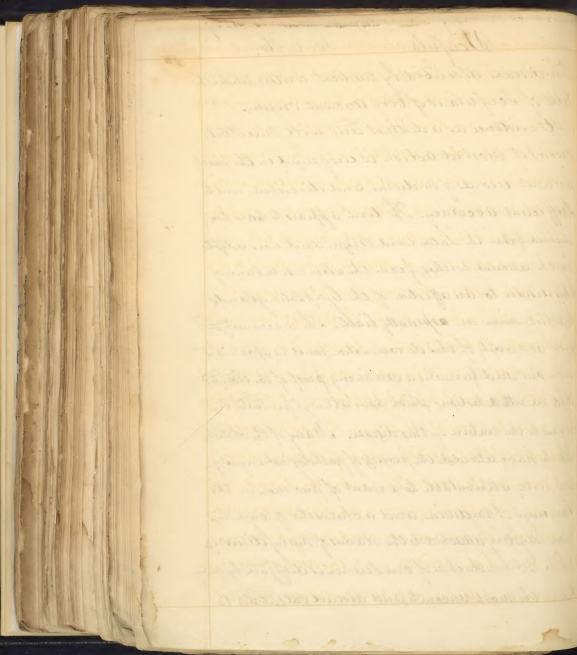
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The disease described by Medical writers under the title of Scrophula, is of very ancient origin.

Its existence as a distinct and well marked species of morbid action, is recognized in the most ancient records of Medicine, and described with sufficient accuracy. The term appears to have been derived from the Latin word *Scrofa*, and was adopted by the ancient writers, from the close resemblance of this disease to an affection of the lymphatic glands to which swine are especially liable. The inaccuracy, and even absurdity of this denomination must be apparent to every one and furnishes a convincing proof of the clouded and unsettled notions which have always prevailed in regard to the nature of this disease. Many of the obstacles which have retarded the progress of pathological enquiry, are justly attributable to a want of precision in the language of Medicine, and a character of vagueness and mystery attached to the names of many diseases.

The nomenclature of our science is diffused by many terms the most uncouth, and almost calculated to



mislead the student, and retard the march of rational and philosophical enquiry. I should by the main diseases have been regarded as specific and peculiar in their nature, having a largely separate existence, and requiring for their treatment a practice founded on the actions peculiar to each. Thus the course of Medical investigation is diverted from its natural and proper channel, and driven into wild and visionary speculations.

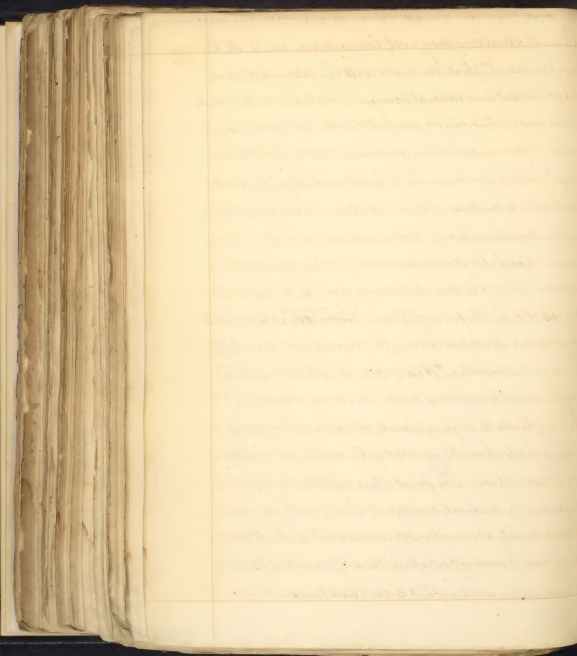
Shrouded in this mysterious veil, Scrupula till within a few years has remained altogether impenetrable to the light which modern discovery has shed on many other departments of Medical science. It appears to have maintained the Character of a kind of Volcanus latens which it was dangerous to disturb. And Medical writers have merely beat about the borders of it, filling up their want of knowledge by ingenious but useless speculations. It was not until the appearance of that splendid exertion of human intellect and industry the works of the immortal Boerhaave that Medical research was directed into its proper channel.

Although much was done and many hints were thrown out which opened the eyes of this acute observer, yet the appearance of Boerhaave's work on the Membranes and his

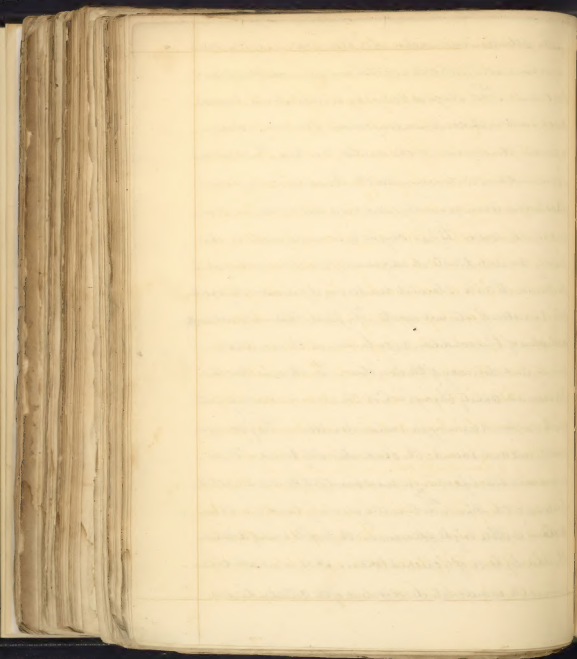


General Anæsthesia may justly be regarded an era in the history of Medicine, <sup>and</sup> which she must date her claims to the rank of a consistent and rational science. Previous to the researches of this great Philologist we find little satisfactory reasoning on the subject under review and even with the light shed on every branch of our Science by physiological inquiry and its application to the study of disease, it still remains enveloped in considerable obscurity. To investigate this subject with any hope of success, all former erroneous sentiments attached to the matter should be entirely removed from the mind, and unbiased by the force of a new <sup>well known</sup> ~~theory~~ <sup>fact</sup> the various phenomena developed during the progress of the disease post mortem examinations <sup>draw</sup> our conclusions as to its nature and the remedies proper for its management.

For the sake of perspicuity, it may be properly divided into three stages, that of predisposition, excitement and relaxation. The first stage has been too much neglected by Medical writers: it having generally been regarded merely as a curious circumstance in the history of the disease assisting perhaps in the diagnosis but forming no indication with regard to the treatment.

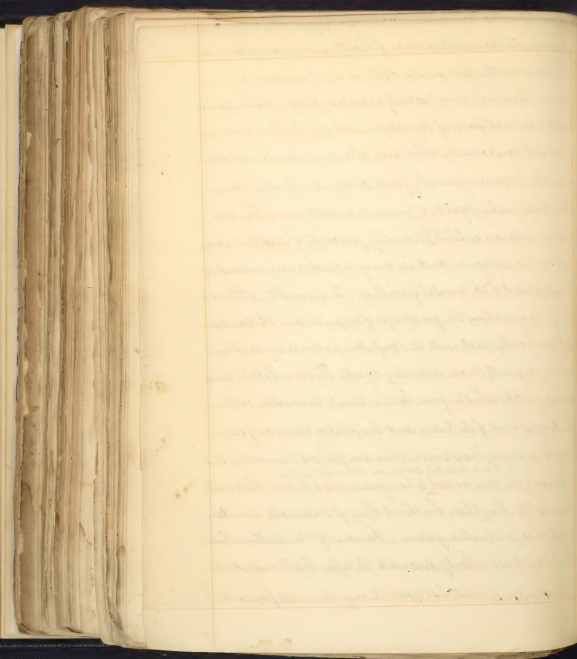


An attentive examination will then show that it is of the utmost importance as to the establishment of a successful plan of treatment. This stage is known by certain external marks discoverable in the complexions, conformation of the body, and in an interesting development of the mental faculties. This assemblage of circumstances is denominated the Strumous or Scrophulous diathesis, a term generally used in a most vague and unintelligible sense. What ought to be understood by it is merely an inordinate development of the tissue in which the particular disease is located rendering it preeminently susceptible by the action of external agents. The first of these external marks indicative of this condition may be seen in the remarkable beauty and delicacy of the complexion. The skin is smooth of uncommon fineness through which the veins particularly of the neck are seen running in various directions. The face is frequently full and round, the cheeks delicately tinged with an roseate blush forming a most beautiful contrast with the whiteness of the skin. The eyes are generally large of a blue colour with a bright soft expression: the pupils widely dilated the hair light or of a chestnut colour. A remarkable circumstance is the inordinate development of the cellular tissue





giving illusory appearances of health and vigour of constitution.  
The ease with which persons of this description yield to any com-  
mon exertion of strength is truly astonishing to those who are accus-  
tomed to associate force of constitution with a fulgour and roundness  
of external conformation. Children of a scrofulous constitution  
have the cranium generally finely developed exhibiting some  
of the distinguishing marks of genius and intelligence. They in  
most instances exhibit extraordinary precocity of intellect and  
marked intelligence and in every respect a very interesting  
development of the mental faculties. The sprightliness and viva-  
city of imagination the quickness of apprehension the candour  
and generosity much with in scrofulous patients render them  
not infrequently most interesting objects. From whatever cause  
this may arise whether from some intimate connection between  
the development of the brain and lymphatic tissue or from  
some other cause inexplicable from our present knowledge it  
<sup>is however a common observation and</sup>  
is generally the case as not to have grown into a proverb that chil-  
dren exhibiting these brilliant lines of character are des-  
tined to a premature grave. Persons of this description have  
the Alae Nasi widely descended the upper lip turned up the  
teeth unmarkedly white but soon decay the breath foetid the



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of operation has passed away and the return returns to its  
natural state. After the tumour has been in this position  
for a fortnight, some of them become soft and  
in distinct fluctuation, the tumour becoming more and more  
indistinct. The tumour is discoloured, suppurates and is at last  
easily discharged in a few minutes. Matter mixed with fibrine of an al-  
buminous or clay consistence. This finishes the stage of excitement.  
After the ulcerated gland has continued to discharge for a week or  
less time when the edges of the ulcer throw <sup>out</sup> bright healthy granulations.  
Contractile and finally heal. During the time of the ulceration  
there is a continuance of the secretion. Rarely has the urinary canal  
become so much enlarged as to require a catheter. It is not uncommon  
the same action and passes through the same process. Thus, the disease  
proceeds alternately subsiding, forming and recurring. It is sometimes  
a source of serious concern. The intensity or obduracy of the  
inflammation, usually of a short duration, but sometimes has a  
greater extent and duration. Perhaps the condition  
of the patient is sufficiently robust to resist the interest all that  
the disease may at length extend, a hard indurated mass  
now remains the remains of the ulcer. These attacks however  
ordinarily attending the disease and sometimes a permanent cure.



a great variety of diseases, and according to the  
 nature of the disease, the patient is treated  
 in different ways. In some cases, the patient is  
 treated with a variety of medicines, and in other  
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the more, the more I am convinced that the more I am  
acquainted with you, the more I am convinced that you are  
a man of great talents and great industry. I have  
been struck by the force of your arguments, and I have  
been struck by the force of your reasoning. I have  
been struck by the force of your logic, and I have  
been struck by the force of your common sense. I have  
been struck by the force of your imagination, and I have  
been struck by the force of your judgment. I have  
been struck by the force of your knowledge, and I have  
been struck by the force of your experience. I have  
been struck by the force of your wisdom, and I have  
been struck by the force of your goodness. I have  
been struck by the force of your beauty, and I have  
been struck by the force of your grace. I have  
been struck by the force of your strength, and I have  
been struck by the force of your courage. I have  
been struck by the force of your patience, and I have  
been struck by the force of your kindness. I have  
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been struck by the force of your forgiveness, and I have  
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been struck by the force of your peace, and I have  
been struck by the force of your joy. I have  
been struck by the force of your hope, and I have  
been struck by the force of your faith. I have  
been struck by the force of your charity, and I have  
been struck by the force of your love.



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I stand every bond of medical case to you, & I suppose  
of course to my sister as well as to the other officers.  
can have been so long without. But it is a pity of the  
disturbance in the case, the location of my sister, & the fact of  
the time, has divided the members of the profession of a young man  
and the attention must be given to the case. The laws of nature  
in the case of the medical and surgical case, the case is a  
great measure to be investigated. You will be already aware  
how what we may be expected to infer from a history of the  
case, & the no hesitation in placing a case in the hands of the  
of this issue. A profession with a very few exceptions, and  
agreed with regard to the case, and the case is the only  
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In the present state of the superfluous vessels the lymphatic system  
is not able to remove the excess of fluid, and the result is  
the formation of the tumor. In the present state of the  
the effects of mechanical injuries, the whole body is covered  
three or four times in person, and the result is a  
high, red, swollen state, and the first step in the process is  
the rupture of the vessels. A second set of vessels is formed, and  
the tumor of the present state is the result of the rupture of the  
become, namely, the rupture of the vessels, and of the rupture of the  
in the present state. The second set of vessels is produced in the present  
the vessel, and the result is the formation of the tumor.

Now it is not for this circumstance, the only open and the only  
point of inflammation would be found in the present state. The  
correlation of the vessels, the rupture of the vessels, the rupture of the  
one conclusion would be, and the result is that the first set of vessels  
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in some instances, the result of inflammation, and the result of re-  
for the first set of the vessels, and the result of inflammation, and the result of re-  
from its present state, and the result of inflammation, and the result of re-  
glands are only the result of the rupture of the vessels, and the result of re-



The same effects though not in so violent degree are known to result  
of cold and moisture operating on a constitution inclined  
to syphilitic irritation. In this case the disease is not  
that peculiar to these glands but follows in a person & that  
are of the lymphatic temperament. If we refer to the cause of  
syphilis we shall be struck with striking coincidences in the  
cases. Suppose the acute lymphatic inflammation takes the  
assumed a slow chronic and diffused character. What would  
we expect? Without doubt all the phenomena of syphilis in  
its most marked stages. The first manifestation of the  
disease we have seen above which is usually characterized by  
the form of irritation would be developed in the glands. The  
slow chronic and diffused species of the inflammation would  
show itself in the development of the syphilitic primary  
parts of the body but especially in the most irritable tissues  
whether produced by the unequal development of the body or the  
different periods in the growth of the individual or by accident.  
Chronic inflammation in this system would be marked by similar  
endowments if we may be permitted to conclude from a similar  
analogical relation to those of the inflammation of the skin  
and the tissues of the vessels.













What is the instance where the vessel was intended to  
attempt, I have seen that in various Constitution records  
an indication of the opinion of the Egyptian Government  
in the shape of the language. To the fact that some considerable  
opinion by direct reference to the fact would appear to support  
this we desire to record. The indication would seem to be  
to rain by gradual and well declared means the action of the  
language system, and consequently a diminished action in the  
Egyptian. This point may be assisted by such measures as may  
be found best calculated to induce it. It will be gathered  
from this view that our ship department must be placed in the  
employment of prophylactic means. The intimate system which  
are found to exist between the Mucous and by a platid system  
it most entirely preclude the use of direct measures for the  
elementary Canal. The long continued use of brucine is  
liable of itself of producing a condition of the Egyptian system.  
To attempt to cure a disease by remedies capable of themselves  
of producing some of its most striking phenomena appears  
inconsistent. That the continued function of the system as  
open intervals would prove most valuable. At the same time  
cannot it be said that it is doubtful.



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in the treatment of the same in that illness upon the same. From  
the knowledge of the disease and the course of that disease  
When circumstances admit the greatest relief take daily as much  
as is possible in the mild stages. Later on as the disease  
becomes more violent as the disease becomes violent to the point of  
delirium and of convulsions and death. As the disease is established  
a course of treatment is adopted to relieve the disease the way of it  
is then to change the constitution and as the disease depends on  
the constitution. The treatment now is rather for the use of  
purgatives which already in weak and exhausted patients the state  
of the stomach will admit of them without violent reaction  
or irritation. The local treatment in this stage will consist of the  
application of leeches or the use of some cooling lotion or of blisters in  
the neighborhood. The use of Morra has been recommended on  
local authority. Then the true fact is that the disease is  
not a simple one and a difference of treatment may be necessary.

One consideration is worthy of particular attention that as soon  
as the disease is distinctly pronounced the death is not to be  
by the disease. This well proved the disease is already <sup>late</sup> in the course.  
The treatment is to be given to the patient. Various remedies have  
been proposed to cure the disease but without very much success.



or decided advantage. Loclin Mineral of Bongs, &c.

Great Confidence is reposed in an alkaline course of Serravallo.  
In the advanced stage Dr Chapman recommends with considerable  
confidence the use of Bicarbon. Some articles of the Alimenting class  
are highly recommended in the advanced stage. The tincture of  
Guaiacum Lisbon Oil drink Sarsaparilla Chinifolia Madder  
etc &c. The internal use of Nitric acid as well as its application  
to the skin is highly recommended. A more active use of tonics  
will undoubtedly be advisable in this stage. The Ulcers should  
be treated with the mildest dressings. Should they assume  
a very irritable character which sometimes happens a coral  
powder sprinkled with powder of Benzoin will be found  
the most useful.

After all that can be done we shall find  
Scrophulous a most obstinate disease which in many  
cases will baffle the utmost skill of the most judicious  
Physician

Geo. H. Parker

Philadelphia Feb. 8. 1827—



London

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Thursday

October 10th 1791

My dear Sir

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